

TO THE WOMEN OF KANSAS.

Kansas has always been in the vanguard of political progress; and, in view of the fact that an amendment for equal suffrage is now pending at our next state election, and in view of the fact that a new political organization is now a dominant factor in our state politics and will soon assert its power in national affairs, and needs the molding influences of the patriotic and progressive women of this and other states to assist in directing its course aright, the Woman's Progressive Political Club of Topeka (recently organized) publishes this circular and bespeaks for it your candid and careful consideration.

We urge upon you the importance of forming a local club wherever one can be effected throughout the state, at the earliest date possible, and request that your local club send two delegates to a state meeting to be held the second Tuesday in June next at Topeka, Kansas, to form a state organization, and take steps toward securing a national organization of the Woman's Progressive Political Club of America at as early a date as seems practicable. To assist the women of each locality to speedily organize, we attach hereto a copy of the constitution and by-laws of our local club, which can be so modified as to suit each locality. By reading this constitution you will see that the main object of this movement is to carry on a vigorous campaign of education along the lines of political economy, industrial co-operation and domestic science. We recognize that the great industrial and social problems of the day, demanding solution at the hands of the American people, can only be solved by intelligent and prompt action at the ballot box, hence have given the name "W. P. P. C." to our new organization. We are not only anxious for equal suffrage, but are more anxious that suffrage be enlightened and purified; that the politics of our state and nation be made more than a mad scramble for office, or muddy whirlpool of corruption; and that the science of government be made an earnest study. It will be our aim to discuss the requisites to abundant production, equitable distribution and economic consumption, and to show that land ought not to be monopolized, that labor is the most important factor in creating wealth, and its steady, remunerative employment is essential prosperity. That money and transportation, as factors of distribution, must be under public control. In short, it will be our aim to teach the present and rising generation that life ought to be more than a mad, competitive struggle for a bare existence; that concentrated wealth becomes a menace to free government and popular institutions; that every human being has an interest in the welfare of every other, and that "an injury to one is the concern of all;" that war is legalized murder and a relic of barbarism and ought never to be resorted to among civilized nations; that it costs too much suffering, anxious, continued watching, and patient labor to rear a child to manhood to have him exposed to wholesale murder on the battlefield; that the maternal as well as the paternal element should pervade all human statutes. It is in vain for us to shield our children from evil influences during childhood if, in later years, the open saloon and gambling hall exist to make moral and physical wreck of their manhood. It is in vain we practice rigid economy in our domestic household if the "mortgage fiend" absorbs our earnings. It is in vain we toil from dawn to dark, from youth to old age, if the tax gatherer garners all our savings, and the

railroad king demands the lion's share of the earnings of a lifetime.

It is to help right these and other wrongs that the W. P. P. C. has been organized, and we invite all sisters for reform to join us. "Honest toil" and not the "gold dollar" ought to be ruler of America.

CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL CLUB.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This organization shall be known as the "Woman's Progressive Political Club" of Topeka, Kansas.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. The object of this organization is to assist in educating women in pure, progressive politics, in the broad field of human labor, and in the social and domestic problems of the ages. This society is political, industrial, literary and educational in character.

ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The officers of this club shall be president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and chaplain, and an executive board, which shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. This club shall have the following standing committees, viz.: Committee on progressive politics, committee on social and domestic problems, committee on labor exchange, committee on printing and circulation of reform literature.

SEC. 2. Each committee shall have a chairman and secretary, whose duty it shall be to report their actions in writing, at each meeting, and make suggestions for advancing the work of the club.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. At each meeting of the club there shall be two special committees appointed, viz.: (1) Committee on program for next meeting; (2) committee on invitation and reception.

SEC. 2. The regular meetings of this club shall be held upon the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The meeting on the second Tuesday in May of each year shall be the annual meeting for the election of officers. Special meetings may be held as the club shall direct, or may be called by the president and secretary by giving five days notice.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. At the annual meeting of the auxiliary for the election of officers, there shall be elected three members of the club as an executive board, who, together with the president and secretary, shall have charge of the society when the club is not in session, and shall report at each meeting.

ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. This constitution may be amended or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided such change does not conflict with the state constitution. Notice of such proposed changes shall be given one month in advance, except at the regular annual meeting in May of each year.

ARTICLE VIII.

SECTION 1. There shall be no membership fee, but members shall pay 10 cents monthly dues.

BY-LAWS.

1. Nine members shall constitute a quorum for doing business.
2. The secretary shall keep a list of the members, and shall call the roll at each regular meeting.
3. No person shall be admitted as a member of this club, who is opposed to equal suffrage, or to the control of the liquor traffic, or suppression of the liquor saloons.
4. The Omaha platform shall be the basis of the political action of this club.
5. The order of business of each regular meeting shall be, viz.: Calling to order, devotional exercises, roll-call, reading minutes of last meeting, reports of officers, reports of standing committees, reports of special committees, miscellaneous business.
6. These by-laws can be amended, altered, suspended or repealed at any regular meeting by two-thirds vote of members present.

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President W. P. P. C.

MRS. GRACE POTTS,
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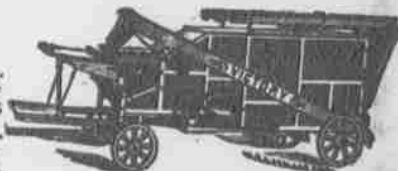
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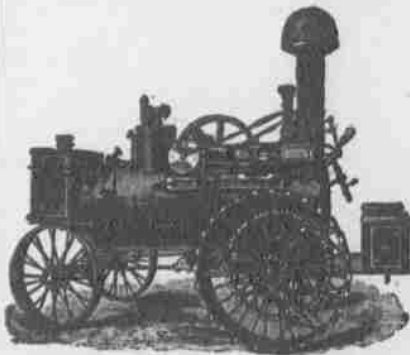
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